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THOSE bolters at Jefferson City seem to be determined to make the outside world believe that the outlaw spirit is not yet dead in Missouri.

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As if the republicans of Linn county hadn't been humiliated enough by their representative in the legislature bolting the caucus nominee for United States senator, the embryo chairman of the county committee has taken to writing "pieces" for democratic newspapers.

THOMAS J. AKINS, assistant United States treasurer, has been notified of his selection to represent Missouri on the reception committee at the inauguration of President Roosevelt. Among other duties incumbent upon the position, Mr. Akins will arrange for the attendance of the representatives of Missouri high schools to witness the inauguration.

THE attempt of the Kerens following to excuse their action in bolting the senatorial caucus by the declaration that fifteen of the members would have bolted Kerens had he been nominated is ridiculous in the extreme. It is merely an attempt to square themselves with the people. Such subterfuges will not work at this stage of the game.—Unionville Republican.

By far the most sweeping of the anti-bribery bills that have been introduced into the general assembly passed the house Wednesday afternoon by a unanimous vote. The bill fixes the punishment for bribery at any term in the penitentiary exceeding two years. In other words, it permits a jury to send a corrupt public official or the corruptor to the state's prison for life if the twelve men so decide.

NO PARTY can long exist without a perfect organization and in that party organization the will of the majority must be supreme. The will of the minority must lose itself in that of the majority, and when that is complete, then such an organization becomes a working force powerful for good in all things. Applying this process of reasoning to the conditions which now exist at Jefferson City, it becomes an easy task to determine who is to blame for the failure thus far to elect a senator.—News.

THE first official list of Missouri awards at the world's fair now being printed in the last edition of the "State of Missouri," edited by Walter Williams for the Missouri world's fair commission, shows that Missouri received more awards and prizes than was shown in previous unofficial lists. Without including the prizes given Missouri business firms, corporations or individuals, the number of prizes awarded Missouri aggregate 2,437. Of these, fifty-three were grand prizes; 195 gold medals; 408 silver medals and 379 bronze medals. The highest number of grand prizes was in education, where twenty-six were awarded. Of the total number of educational awards, forty-four went to the state university.

Wanted—A Senator.

In less than a month the present congress expires. Among the retiring senators is one from Missouri, a democrat who has occupied a seat in that body for thirty years. By virtue of a majority of ten on joint ballot, the republicans in the Missouri legislature have the power to elect a successor, and as they have had no similar opportunity since 1868, it might be supposed that they would enjoy the task in hand. They provided themselves with a caucus nominee some time ago, and his prompt election would have been an advantage to the party. His election today would be a good stroke of business to clear the atmosphere and make room for other legislative subjects. Political deadlocks are a detriment to the people and a party reproach. They are a failure substituted for the action contemplated by the laws of the state and necessary to the welfare of citizens.

A republican senator from Missouri ought to be on hand in Washington by March 4. If he is not present there will be a vacant senatorial seat for which the republicans of this state will be held responsible. He ought to be elected without delay, so as to have time to pack his trunk, get shaved and make ready for a general welcome in the senate as the Mysterious Stranger. Have the republicans of Missouri fully considered the risks incurred by a failure to elect? That party calamity would refer the senatorship to the legislature to be elected next year, and if it is democratic the new senator will be a democrat, which is practically a democratic gain of 2 in the senate. Who can gauge the results of such a lapse of party duty? It is a shocking proposition that any sincere republican can be so blind as to think that a failure to elect could be less than a heavy blow to the republican cause and a lasting blot on the party in Missouri.—Globe-Democrat.

Political Assassins.

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Does he not have a right to feel safer in the company of Jeff Davis and Pitkin Tillman, if he is to be continually menaced by this sneaking gang of factional cut-throats?

The true republicans of the legislature have but one obligation to the party in this crisis—and that is to never surrender an inch to these despicable bolters.

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